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Over the Hill to the Poor House.

BY W. M. CARLTON.

Over the hill to the poor-house I'm trudging,
My weary way,
I, a woman of seventy, and only a trifle gray—
I, who am smart as a chipper, for all the years
I've toiled.

As many another woman that's only half as old,
Over the hill to the poor-house I can't quite
make it clear!

Over the hill to the poor-house it seems so
far, so long,
Many a story I've taken a toll to and fro,
But this is a part of my journey I never thought
to go.

What is the use of heaping on me a pauper's
name?
Am I lazy or crazy? Am I blind or lame?
True, I am not simple, nor so yet; awful stout;
But charity isn't so fast, if one can live with-

I am willing and anxious to be ready any day
to work for a decent living and pay my honest
way.

For I can earn my victuals, and more too I'll be
found.

For my body only will I have to me round,
Once I was young and handsome—I was, upon
my soul.

Once my cheeks were roses, my eyes as black as
coal;
And my kind remembrance, in the days of hearth-
side ease.

For any kind of reason, that I was in my way,
I had no fault to find, or talk of, or free,
But many a house an' home was open then to me.

Many a hand some other I had from like my way,
And nobly ever helped me, as I was a burden
then.

And when to John I was married, sure he was
good and smart,
But he and all the neighbors would I done
my part.

For life was all before me, and I was young and
strong.

And I worked the best that I could in trying to
be good.

And so we worked together, and life was hard,
but gay.

With now and then a baby for to cheer us on
our way.

I'll be laid to rest, and all my people
will be laid to rest.

And I want to be laid to rest, and I had enough
to rest.

So we worked for the children, and raised 'em
every one.

Worked for 'em summer and winter, just as we
ought to 're done.

Only perhaps we haven't done what some
good folks condemn.

But every one's a childer's a heap the best to
them.

Strangely how much we think of our blessed lit-
tle ones!

I'd have died for my children, I'd have died
for my sons.

And God has made that role of love, but when
we're old and gray.

I've needed it sometimes, somehow, fails to
work the other way.

Strange, another thing; when our boys and
girls were grown.

And when "except" Charley, they'd left us
there alone.

When John he was an' nearer come, an'
dearer seemed to be.

The Lord of Hosts he came one day an' took him
away from me.

Still I was bound to struggle, an' never to cringe
or fall.

Still I worked for Charley, for Charley was my
joy.

And Charley was greatly good to me, with
all his ways.

Till at last he went a courtin', and brought a
girl from town.

She was somewhat drowsy, an' hadn't a pleas-
ant smile.

But if ever I tried to be friends, I had with her,
I know.

But she was hard and proud, an' I couldn't
make it go.

She had an education, and that was good for her;
But when she talked me on mine, I was carry-

in things too far;
An' I told her once, "I hope you can't do it
most made her sick."

That I never enjoyed a grammar, or 't a
"rhetoric."

So 'twas only a few days before the thing was
done.

They was a family of themselves, and I suffer
out West.

And a very little cottage one family will do,
but I never have seen a house that was big
enough for two.

HORTICULTURAL HINTS

At a Horticultural meeting held at
Zanesville, Ohio, Mr. George Town-
send read a paper containing the fol-
lowing hints:

Pork is a scrumptious and unwholesome
article of food; all ripe fruits are the
reverse.

Every climate produces its appropriate
food. Animal food for cold cli-
mates, and fruit and vegetables for hot cli-
mates, and a mixture of both for tem-
perate climates.

Imperfect impregnation is the usual
cause of deformed fruit.

To cause fruit trees to bear every
year, prevent them from over bearing
any year; as unfruitfulness is the re-
sult of exhaustion.

The fruit of old trees is usually bet-
ter flavored than that from young trees.

The best soil for fruit trees is the cal-
careous and loamy.

Vigorous growth and fruitfulness at
the same time are absolutely incompat-
ible.

Root pruning promotes fruitfulness
by checking growth, and top pruning
just when vegetation commences has the
same effect.

The objects of pruning are two-fold:
First to produce a vigorous and sym-
metrical growth, and second, fruitful-
ness. The former is secured by winter
pruning and the latter by summer prun-
ing.

Scions for grafting should be cut be-
fore severe freezing and packed in
sawdust in the cellar.

Neither cutting grafts nor pruning
should ever be done while the wood is
frozen.

Cattle and fruit trees cannot flourish
in the same enclosure.

A hog team is the best for plowing
up the orchard.

No grain crops should be raised in
an orchard, except buckwheat or corn.

Apple and pear trees two years from
the bud or graft are better to plant
than old ones.

Hogs and poultry are the only kinds
of stock that should be allowed the
range of the orchard.

It is said that the black root dis-
appears from the orchard when hogs are
introduced.

The best time to kill caterpillars is
when pruning the trees in winter.

We should raise more sweet apples.
They are equal to corn in producing
milk or meat.

The Golden Sweet, Summer Sweet
and Autumnal Swar are among the
best for the purpose.

Grapes can be kept for winter use,
as well as apples or pears. Try it.

Would you insure a moment to your
memory—Plant trees—they will feed
and shelter you when you no longer
can.

It costs but little more in time or
money to raise the best fruit than the
poorest.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

From a citizen of Troy, Doniphan
county, Kansas, we learn the particu-
lars of a sad accident that occurred 34
miles west of Troy last Friday. James
McGalliard, a well-to-do farmer of that
vicinity, was digging a well and had
got down to the depth of forty feet. He
was working in the bottom of the well,
and by some means the tub used to
draw up the dirt got detached from the
rope just as the parties at the top start-
ed to lower it into the well. Mr. Mc-
Galliard looked up just as the bucket
started on its fearful descent, and it
struck him on the top of the head. He
was taken from the well as soon as pos-
sible, and had strength enough left to
walk to the house, where he speedily be-
came worse, and died the next day. It
is supposed by the doctor that the con-
cussion was fatal to him, as the skull
was not fractured. Mr. McGalliard was
a soldier in the 13th Kansas infantry
during the war, and was a highly re-
spected citizen. He leaves a wife and
six children to mourn his death. He
was buried on Sunday, a very large
audience attending the funeral, and his
untimely and tragic death casts a deep
gloom over the community.—St. J. Gaz.

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